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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: SCHEDULE RETRIEVAL METHOD FOR CONTROLLING
SCHEDULES AND SCHEDULE SERVER APPARATUS WITH
MULTISTAGEOUS IDLE-TIME RETRIEVAL MEANS

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action (Paper No. 8) mailed on March 14, 2001,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6, and 8-9 without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims 10-11,
and add claims 15-20, as follows:

- 1 10. (Amended) ~~[The]~~ A schedule management system, ~~[according to Claim 6]~~
2 comprising:
3 a schedule server which stores schedules of participants and schedules of equipments
4 reserved by ones of said participants in different groups; and
5 a plurality of remote client devices operatively connected to said schedule server.